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TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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For the Year Ending

31st DECEMBER, 1972



REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE  
TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1972

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We regret to record the death of Dr. George Nicholson on the 10th January, 1973. He has been the Medical Officer for the Rural District for the past 46 years. It has been a great pleasure to us all in the Public Health Department to have worked with him during this time, especially with his investigations into gastric cancer and his earlier great interest in diphtheria immunisation.

Dr. L. N. Jackson, M.C., T.D., B.A., D.M., B.Ch. (Oxon), F.R.C.G.P., of Crediton, was appointed as Medical Officer for this area with effect from the 1st May, 1973, until re-organisation takes place on the 1st April, 1974. I am sure that he will wish to thank the Exeter and Mid-Devon Hospitals Management Committee and the North Devon Water Board and all the officers of my Department who have assisted in compiling this report.

A. L. SANDERS

Chief Public Health Inspector.

## INTRODUCTION

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## EXPERIMENTAL

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

DURING THE YEAR 1972

(a) Part-time Medical Officer of Health:  
G. NICHOLSON, M.D., F.R.C.S., D.P.H., M.F.C.M.

(b) Chief Public Health Inspector:  
A. L. SANDERS, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.

(c) Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:  
G.E. MOGFORD, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.

(d) Public Health Inspectors:  
R. W. HOLE, D.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.  
V. R. PRING, D.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.

(e) Meat Inspectors:  
G. F. PENBERTHY, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.  
A. BLAIR, Meat Inspectors Certificate  
of the Royal Sanitary Assoc.,  
of Scotland.  
G. HANNAN, Certificate in Meat Inspection  
Royal Society of Health.  
J. D. VICARY, Certificate in Meat Inspection  
Royal Society of Health.  
D. CLODE, Certificate in Meat Inspection  
Royal Society of Health.  
I. McCULLOCH, Certificate in Meat Inspection  
Royal Society of Health.



## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

## OF THE AREA

Area:	114,109 acres
Population:	21,910 (mid-year estimate)
Rateable Value:	£640,677
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate:	£6,060
Social Conditions:	The area being predominantly rural in nature, conditions are generally good.
Slaughtering Industries:	<p>The principal slaughterhouse in the district is :-</p> <p>Lloyd Mauder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand.</p> <p>In addition there are two other small private slaughterhouses. (See subsequent statement on slaughterhouses.)</p>
Other Main Industries:	<p>Wiggins, Teape &amp; Co., Paper Manufacturers, Bradninch</p> <p>Reed &amp; Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Silverton</p> <p>Reed &amp; Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Cullompton</p> <p>Culm Leather Dressing Company, Cullompton</p> <p>Fox Brothers &amp; Co., Weavers, Cullompton</p> <p>Fox Brothers &amp; Co., Weavers, Uffculme</p> <p>Unigate Foods Limited, Hemyock</p> <p>Exmoor Woodcraft Limited, Exebridge (Morebath Parish)</p> <p>Bramber Engineering Works, Willand</p> <p>Strong, Rawle &amp; Strong, Fellmongers, Willand</p> <p>Easton Construction Products Ltd., Joinery Works, Cullompton</p> <p>E.C.C. Quarries, Westleigh and Hillhead, Uffculme</p> <p>Redland Tiles Ltd., Burlescombe, Tile Manufacturers</p> <p>King's Asphalt Ltd., Fenacre Quarry, Burlescombe</p> <p>Scotts Quarries, Bampton</p> <p>Holmingham Quarries (part) Stoodleigh Parish.</p>

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS	<u>Total</u> 318	<u>Male</u> 149	<u>Female</u> 169
Rate per 1,000 home population	14.5	(crude rate)	
	17.1	(adjusted)	
Ratio of local adjusted birthrate to national rate	1.16		
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS	.....		
Rate per cent of total live births	.....		
STILL BIRTHS	<u>Total</u> 3	<u>Male</u> 3	<u>Female</u> 0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	.....		9
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	.....		
INFANT DEATHS (deaths under one year)	.....		
INFANT MORTALITY RATES	.....		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	9		
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	10		
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil		
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	3		
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	Nil		
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	9		
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)	Nil		
Number of deaths	.....		Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	.....		Nil
DEATHS - ALL AGES	<u>Total</u> 286	<u>Male</u> 136	<u>Female</u> 150
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	.....		13.1
Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	.....		10.5
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	.....		.87

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1972 giving age incidence :-

Age Periods	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Infective Jaundice	Food Poisoning
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	1
2 years	3	1	1	-	-
3 years	4	-	4	-	-
4 years	5	-	3	-	-
5 - 9	10	-	2	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	4	-	1	1	-
25 & OVER	-	-	-	1	2
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1972 :-

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 & OVER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

HOSPITAL SERVICES

The following report has been received from Mr. P. Le Fleming, the Group Secretary of the Exeter and Mid-Devon Hospitals Management Committee :

"The three Tiverton Hospitals have continued to provide a wide range of services for the Tiverton area, including General Medical, General Surgical and Gynaecological facilities, as well as the Maternity Unit at the District Hospital and Geriatric facilities at the Belmont Hospital. The level of activity in all the hospitals was more than maintained throughout 1972, with a total of 2,102 patients discharged following in-patient treatment, including 1,737 from the Tiverton and District Hospital. There were also 400 live births in the Maternity Unit at this hospital. Out-patient Clinics were attended by 4,564 new patients, and 4,293 new patients received treatment in the Casualty Department. During the course of the year the total out-patient attendances were 9,751, and 8,912 in the Casualty Department.

The Regional Hospital Board recognises the valuable services provided by the Casualty Department at the Tiverton and District Hospital, and this unit has now been classified as an interim Accident and Emergency Centre providing valuable supporting services to the main Accident and Emergency Department in Exeter. The Regional Board has also been pursuing preliminary planning for the re-development of the hospital services in Tiverton on the Belmont Hospital site where it seems likely that the first stage will include the provision of new ward accommodation for the geriatric patients and also a Day Hospital where these elderly patients can receive assessment and treatment without admission to hospital."

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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

#### PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE SCHEMES

During the year progress has been made with the Thorverton Sewerage Scheme and it will be completed during 1973. The total amount of this Contract is £134,225.

With regard to the Willand Area, the extensions to this works have been put in hand and the work will be completed during 1973. The total amount of this Contract is £107,108.

A sewer was relaid between Willand Road, Cullompton and Court House, Cullompton at a cost of £20,386.

During the year surface water sewerage schemes to prevent flooding were carried out at Culmstock and West Town, Cullompton.

It will be seen from the report which follows that private and Council housing development in a large number of the parishes has proceeded far in excess of the estimates made during the 1960's and, as a result, the majority of our sewerage schemes are now working to capacity and, in some cases, are overloaded. The Council is, therefore, committed to a very large programme of extensions to existing sewage disposal installations, and arrangements have been made for this work to be carried on by the Regional Water Authority who take over the functions of sewage disposal as from the 1st April, 1974. It is hoped that the suggested programme will continue without any undue delay during the period of re-organisation, in order that development, both private and Council, will not be held up. There are also programmes for new health centres and schools, which will be implemented during the 1970's. It is essential that our sewerage disposal programme should be kept one stage ahead of the development programme right throughout the district.

#### A. The undermentioned parishes are now effectively seweried:

**BURLESCOMBE** The Burlescombe and Westleigh Scheme and Disposal Works give satisfactory results. Strict control is kept on the trade effluent from the Redland Tile Company's premises at Westleigh.

**BUTTERLEIGH** Messrs. Harvey McGill & Hayes have been asked to carry out improvements to the sand filter and certain works should be carried out during the year 1973. Only a small amount of capacity is available for development.

## CULLOMPTON

The new scheme at Cullompton is now functioning in a satisfactory manner. Arrangements have been made to pump the sewage from Bradninch and development is taking place in the West Town area. The Department of the Environment have suggested bringing in the sewage from the Kentisbeare Area and the trade effluent from the Culm Leather Works has yet to be connected to our sewers. When all this work has been completed an assessment will have to be made regarding the capacity of the new works at Cullompton and our Consulting Engineers have been instructed accordingly. There is room on the site for extensions.

HOLCOMBE  
ROGUS

During the year samples taken from the works have been satisfactory. There is still some capacity left for future development.

## HUNTSBAM

A small scheme serving the village is performing in a satisfactory manner. Several properties have been connected to the sewers and there is a small amount of capacity left for future development.

## WASHFIELD

This scheme appears to be working in a satisfactory manner, but there is no capacity available for taking in further development to the small sewage disposal works there.

B. Parishes which have been sewered and where further extensions and improvements are now necessary, mainly on account of recent development and recent planning approvals:

## BAMPTON

Our Consulting Engineers have been asked to prepare a scheme for improvements at Bampton to deal with the development area envisaged in the Outline Development Plan for Bampton. No doubt, this scheme will be passed

on to the Regional Water Authority for early implementation. The development now taking place in Bampton under old outline planning permissions will overload the present works.

BRADNINCH

Our Consulting Engineers have prepared a scheme which has been submitted to the Department of the Environment and it is hoped to carry out the work of improvements to the sewers in Bradninch to deal with certain areas where housing will be allowed and to pump the sewage to Cullompton for treatment at the new works there. The estimated cost of this work is £187,907.97.

CULMSTOCK

We have reached the stage at Culmstock where no further development can be allowed. The sewage disposal works is working at capacity loading and at times is overloaded. The new scheme for improvements at Culmstock is being pressed with the Regional Water Authority and has already been included on their priority list.

HALBERTON

There is very little spare capacity available in the Halberton Sewage Works for further development. There is also a problem with the lack of dilution of the effluent, owing to the very small stream to which the effluent is discharged. The farmer has also objected to the discharging of effluent into the mill leat. This matter has been raised with the Regional Water Authority Working Party and has been put on the list for urgent action after April, 1974.

HEMYOCK

There is still pressure for further development in this parish and allowance has been made for it in the Outline Development Plan. Our Council have therefore taken action in asking our Consulting Engineers to prepare a scheme for extensions by means of a Contact Stabilisation Plant. It is hoped that this work will be carried out during 1973, in order to enable further development to take place at Hemyock.

KENTISBEARE	The scheme submitted to the Department of the Environment for a separate sewerage scheme for Kentisbeare did not receive their approval and they have suggested pumping the sewage to Cullompton. The necessary scheme has been prepared and will be submitted to the Department of the Environment early in 1973, after which it is hoped that the work will be put in hand.
SAMPFORD PEVERELL	A scheme for extensions is urgently required, as the present sewage works is overloaded and priority is being given to this parish in the works proposed by the Working Party of the Regional Water Authority.
SILVERTON	Our Council is conscious of the large amount of development which is now taking place in Silverton, and for which outline permission has been given, and is proceeding with the installation of a Contact Stabilisation Plant in this parish, in order that building work can continue unimpeded.
STOODLEIGH	A comprehensive scheme for Stoodleigh has been approved by the Department of the Environment and it is hoped that this work will be put in hand during 1973.
THORVERTON	Work is in progress with the construction of a new disposal works and improvements to the sewers.
UFFCULME	Owing to the large amount of development envisaged in the Outline Development Plan, our Council will be installing a Contact Stabilisation Plant during 1973.
WILLAND	Work is in progress with the extensions mentioned in last year's report.
	Certain works are being carried out at Willand in preparation for the M5 Motorway; certain sewers are being re-routed and a new Pumping Station is being built to replace one which will be demolished by the M5 Motorway Construction Work.

C. Small Villages and Hamlets which have been partly sewered:

BICKLEIGH	This small works is working to capacity, but we are fortunate in that the effluent very rarely reaches a watercourse. The effluent seems to seep away into the gravel sub-soil. The sewage plant is a very old one and the Regional Water Authority will be made aware of the problems at Bickleigh.
CADELEIGH	The centre of the village is served by an old septic tank.
HALBERTON (ASH THOMAS)	The Ash Thomas area is sewered by septic tanks and there is a problem during the summer months. The Regional Water Authority have been made aware of the conditions existing there.
HOCKWORTHY	The small sewage plant serving the Council Houses and taking sewage from the built-up area of Staple Cross is performing satisfactorily.
MOREBATH	The village scheme, together with the land treatment area, is dealing with the sewage from this hamlet.
OAKFORD	Treatment is by a septic tank and land irrigation. A scheme will be required in the foreseeable future.
UPLOWMAN	New development has resulted in a proliferation of septic tanks in this hamlet. The Regional Water Authority have been asked to consider providing a new sewerage scheme for Uplowman.

D. Not Sewered:

The undermentioned parishes, being very rural in character, have no centre large enough to require a sewerage scheme. Public sewerage facilities in these scattered areas is not at the present time considered to be a necessity : *Clayhdon*  
Cadbury, Clayhanger, ~~Clayhanger~~, Loxbeare and Templeton.

## WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply in this District is from the mains of the North Devon Water Board and they report as follows :

The water supplied to the Eastern Parishes of the Rural District for sources at Churchstanton, Newcombe, Sheldon, Blackborough and Hockworthy has been of an acceptable standard chemically and of the highest possible standard bacteriologically. The demand has, at times, exceeded the quantity available, resulting in a loss of supply at peak periods. A great improvement is anticipated in 1973 with the completion of a trunk main which is being laid from Tiverton. Water supplied to some of the Western Parishes from the Wistland-pound Reservoir when it was down to a low level was discoloured on account of manganese. The Board are considering means of overcoming this problem. Apart from this, the supply from the reservoir has been of a high chemical standard and of the highest possible bacteriological standard.

There are no natural fluorides in the supplies and none have been introduced.

The following schedule gives details of the properties supplied in each parish at the 31st December, 1972 :

Parish	Properties supplied by mains water			
	No. of Domestic Properties	No. of Farms	No. of other Meter supplies (ex cattle troughs)	Total Properties
Bampton	432	16	39	487
Bickleigh	48	7	10	65
Bradninch	709	18	34	761
Burlescombe	196	34	20	250
Butterleigh	22	6	3	31
Cadbury	7	2	1	10
Cadeleigh	14	7	2	23
Clayhanger	17	5	1	23
Clayhidon	46	32	6	84
Cruwys Morchard	61	30	7	98
Cullompton	1,548	56	111	1,715
Culmstock	256	25	17	298
Halberton	361	53	22	436
Hemyock	308	17	23	348
Hockworthy	25	19	2	46
Holcombe Rogus	119	12	6	137
Kentisbeare	174	47	22	243
Loxbeare	17	3	-	20
Morebath	48	8	2	58
Oakford	58	15	5	78
Sampford Peverell	331	14	36	381
Silverton	569	11	16	596
Stoodleigh	41	6	7	54
Templeton	18	15	-	33
Thorverton	278	11	16	305
Uffculme	599	68	68	735
Uplowman	41	11	2	54
Washfield	43	14	-	57
Willand	460	12	36	508
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,846</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>7,934</b>

## LEARNER SWIMMING POOLS AT SCHOOLS

Routine samples of these pools are taken by the County Health Department and we also give advice on chlorination and general swimming pool hygiene. The Headmasters are aware of the requirements of the Public Health Authority in this respect.

### WATER SAMPLING (PRIVATE SUPPLIES & WELLS)

Samples taken by the Public Health Department during 1972:

Parish	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Taken
Bampton	-	8	8
Bickleigh	1	-	1
Bradninch	1	1	2
Burlescombe	4	1	5
Butterleigh	1	1	2
Cadbury	-	2	2
Clayhidon	2	4	6
Cruwys Mochard	-	2	2
Cullompton	6	7	13
Culmstock	1	1	2
Hemyock	6	6	12
Hockworthy	3	1	4
Holcombe Rogus	4	9	13
Huntsham	5	3	8
Kentisbeare	2	2	4
Morebath	1	6	7
Oakford	-	2	2
Sampford Peverell	1	-	1
Silverton	2	-	2
Stoodleigh	2	5	7
Uffculme	1	-	1
Uplowman	2	2	4
Washfield	2	3	5
Willand	12	-	12
TOTALS		59	66
		**	125

\*\* Advice given and action taken as necessary.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Mr. W. P. Lake has continued as the Council's Rodent Operator during the year. We have a hundred contracts for farms and business premises. These premises are visited four times a year, with additional visits, as necessary. In general Warfarin bait is used, but in difficult cases we rely on zinc phosphide. The Council's sewers and tips are treated regularly and the services of the Rodent Operator are available to any ratepayer, who wishes to ask for his services. Mr. Lake is near retirement and we have taken steps to employ a new Rodent Operator to be trained under his supervision during 1973.

## SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

30 Licences to slaughter animals have been renewed or granted during the year. Mr. G. Penberthy, the Senior Meat Inspector, is asked for his observations on all cases where new licences are granted.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

At the 31st December, 1972, the following private slaughterhouses were licensed and in use in the District :

Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand  
Beef and Sheep Slaughterhouse

Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand  
Pig Slaughterhouse

J. Veysey & Son, 30, Fore Street, Cullompton

Mr. G. S. James, 24, Fore Street, Silverton.

## MEAT INSPECTION

We now have six full-time Meat Inspectors at Lloyd Maunders and a considerable amount of meat is now exported. One hundred per cent meat inspection is carried out in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations. The Meat Inspectors work a normal week and, in addition, are paid for overtime at overtime rates. Extensive alterations have been and are being carried out at this slaughterhouse to bring it up to the E.E.C. Standards required. The throughput during 1972 at this slaughterhouse was 357,309 carcases.

Details of carcases inspected are enumerated in the following tables.

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part:

LLOYD MAUNDER'S SLAUGHTERHOUSES TIVERTON JUNCTION	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	6445	66	141	210856	139801
Number inspected	6445	66	141	210856	139801
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis and</u> <u>Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	2	5	21	147	609
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2427	34	8	12919	15429
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	37.69	59.1	20.56	6.2	11.47
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1178
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.84
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	24	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration		-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :					
Tons	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.		
140	17	1	11		

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part:

OTHER PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Whole Pigs
Number killed	240	-	-	471	58
Number inspected	240	-	-	471	58
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	39	-	-	30	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	16.25	-	-	6.37	-
<u>Tuberculosis only::</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.72
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :

Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.
3	0	4

POULTRY INSPECTION

Number of poultry processing premises within the District	2
Number of visits to these premises	434
Total number of birds processed during the year	5,054,438
Types of birds processed	Hens Broilers Capon Turkeys
Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	2.47%
Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	140 tons 16cwt. 3qrs. 21 lbs.

Lloyd Maunders are conscious of the requirements of the EEC Directive on Poultry Meat Inspection and are taking steps to bring their slaughtering establishment up to the standard required.

It will be necessary before 1976 to employ lay inspectors under a Veterinary Surgeon to inspect poultry in all establishments in the United Kingdom. This will apply both to poultry which is exported and to poultry which is for the home market. It will therefore be necessary for the New Local Authority under re-organisation to look into the staffing problems which will be presented by the implementation of the EEC Directive.

The present system of poultry inspection in force at Lloyd Maunders is a spotters' check operated by the firm themselves. Rejected and suspect carcases are examined at intervals during the day by our Meat Inspectors. The hygiene at this very large establishment is of a very good standard.

Visits are made to a small poultry packing establishment at Uffculme and the standard there is reasonably good.

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY  
VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

No formal action has been necessary during the year under review. A number of stallholders have been approached regarding certain minor infringements of the Regulations. A strict eye is being kept on the snack bars alongside the A.38 and these continue to be a problem. I understand that the Devon County Council are taking steps to stop this practice, as far as their official lay-bys are concerned; but, of course, there is nothing to prevent a caravan operating on private land for twenty eight days or less, provided the stallholders comply with the Regulations.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

Routine visits are made to these premises from time to time. Particular attention is paid to food premises on the holiday routes and a number of letters have been sent pointing out infringements of the Regulations. Detailed below are the type of food premises now existing in our District.

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Premises</u>
Bakehouses	12
Butchers' Shops	20
Fried Fish Shops	5
Retail Food Shops	60
Catering Establishments	71

We have a large number of catering establishments and these are, of course, mainly alongside the A.38 and the A.373 and also the holiday route to Cornwall. All these are visited at regular intervals.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

We are now implementing an Incentive Bonus Scheme. This is working reasonably well in that we are able to give a weekly collection to the majority of ratepayers, the only exceptions being isolated farmhouses and certain small groups of houses which get a fortnightly collection.

Despite the large number of additional dwellings which have been built in this District during the past five years, we have been able to carry on the collections with no additional staff and no additional vehicles. The time will come, however, when the position has to be reviewed.

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping at Gaddon Down. The tracked vehicle we use has performed in a satisfactory manner. The remaining tipping space is very limited and the New Authority will have to come to an arrangement with the Higher Tier Authority for another disposal site. This matter is now urgent.

## BULKY REFUSE

In addition to the two skips provided at Gaddon Down, and which are used regularly by the public, small items of bulky domestic refuse are picked up by our refuse lorries by arrangement with the Supervisor and the larger articles are collected twice during the year, when we operate a free bulky refuse collection from households in the District.

## CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

This Act is being fully implemented by our Council as regards both abandoned vehicles and fly-tipping of refuse.

During the year we dealt with nine vehicles, six of which have been disposed of by the Council: the other three were removed by the owners. The Devon and Cornwall Constabulary have been very helpful in reporting to us any abandoned vehicles they find alongside the main roads in the District. Our own Councillors have also been helpful in reporting cases where vehicles appear to have been abandoned.

DEPOSIT OF POISONOUS WASTE ACT, 1972

This Act, which came into force in August, 1972, requires a depositer of certain waste to notify the local Authority at least three days prior to tipping. As there is a private site for the disposal of industrial waste at Bampton, this has resulted in a flood of notifications, all of which have to be checked and assessed.

We work in close co-operation with the Devon River Authority, who are concerned with pollution of underground watercourses; and the Alkali Inspectorate, who are concerned with pollution of the atmosphere; and also the Department of the Environment, who will shortly be bringing in new legislation giving the local authority stricter control on the deposit of industrial waste.

In a number of cases we have advised the tip owners that particular wastes are not suitable for disposal at Bampton and should be incinerated. The number of industrial incinerators available in this country is very limited at the present time, but steps are being taken to improve the position and, when this has been done, the new legislation envisaged will come into force.

As a result of our insistence, control boreholes have been installed at Bampton. The River Authority are monitoring the tip and, in order to guard against the possibility of spontaneous combustion, temperature probes have been provided by the Management on the tip itself, in order to keep control over the temperature within the tip.

During the year under review, my Department have made a great number of visits to Higher Kiln, Bampton.

SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT - HOUSING ACTS, 1957 et seq.

Mr. Mogford has supplied the following information :

Year 1972

Improvement Grants

Applications received .....	113
Approved .....	107
Applications for Increase in Grant approved ...	5
Revised Grants .....	1
Improvement Grant Payments .....	59

Standard Grants

Applications received .....	29
Approved .....	24
Applications for Increase in Grant approved ...	4
Paid .....	43

Closing Orders

Revoked .....	6
Made .....	-

Preliminary Notices

Cancelled .....	3
Served .....	-

Outstanding Undertakings

Accepted .....	5
Cancelled .....	-

Demolition Orders

Made .....	-
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COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this Rural District.

CARAVAN MOVEABLE DWELLING AND CAMPING SITES AND  
CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

20.1.1973

Total number of sites licensed at the end of 1972..... 34

In addition, there are sites for tourists' caravans at:

Whitehall Mill, Hemyock  
Whiteheathfield Barton, Bradninch  
Higher Grants Farm, Exebridge  
Little Copse, Bradninch  
"The Wishing Well", Bampton  
Hearne Farm, Clayhanger  
Middle North Coombe, Templeton  
Petton Cross Garage, Bampton  
Morebath Manor, Morebath  
Shuttleton Farm, Hemyock  
Moorhayes Farm, Cullompton  
Higher Shutelake Farm, Cullompton  
Highfields, Culmstock  
Poole Farm, Thorverton  
Gotleigh Farm, Smeatharpe, Clayhidon  
Churchwalls Farm, Westleigh, Sampford Peverell  
West Ruckham Farm, Cruwys Mochard  
Cadbury Castle Filling Station, Cadbury  
Five Bridges Farm, Halberton  
Hukeley Farm, Morebath  
Gloyns Farm, Oakford.

These are exempt from Local Authority Controls, but are visited regularly by members of the Public Health Staff, especially during the holiday season.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	44	10	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	18	Nil	Nil
iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Totals</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>

Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel etc.,		3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cleaning and Washing		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.		8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals		11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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